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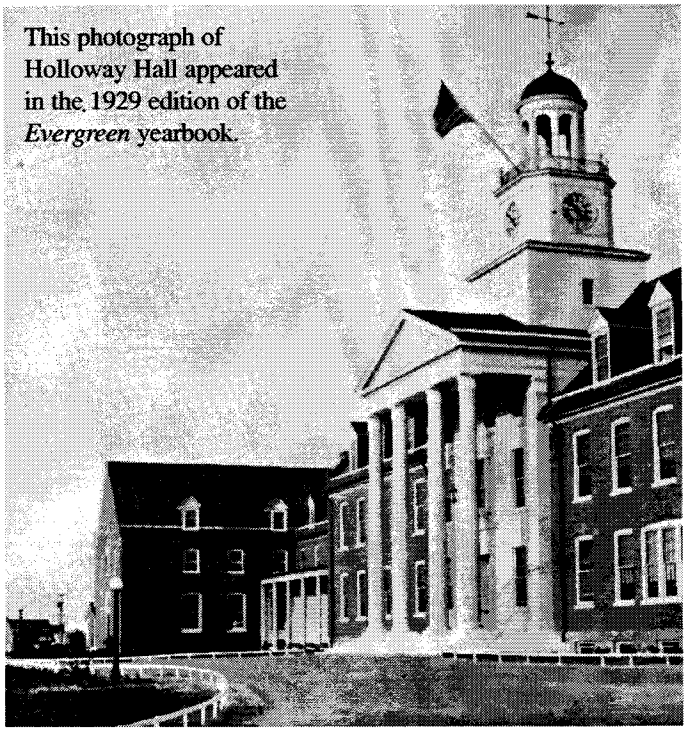
SU Alumni Association Donates Materials to the Nabb Research Center

Ever wonder how Salisbury alums feel about their college days here? Well, now the Nabb Research Center has letters from former Salisbury students–we recently received materials from the SU Alumni Association which contain correspondence dating back to the 1920s. Initially the Maryland Normal School, SU has gone through many changes over the years, but no matter when alumni walked these grounds as students, they all still cherish their college days. While a few of the letters speak about donations given to the Alumni Association for portraits and the like, many express fond memories of many happy days spent with friends made while at the college. This letter from 1935 states, "Ever and always I shall value the friends made at the Normal College." In a letter to Anna Jones Cooper, president of the Alumni Association in 1939, Gladys Smith of Pen-Mar, PA, says, "The people of the community are very fortunate to have such a progressive institution in their midst. I look back with a great deal of happiness to my years spent there." In addition to correspondence this collection includes other University-related materials–mounted team photos and assorted administrative papers from the early decades of the college. If your local school or organization has materials they would like to preserve for future generations, please contact the Nabb Research Center for more information about our archival collections.



This photograph of Holloway Hall appeared in the 1929 edition of the *Evergreen* yearbook.

Nabb Research Center Announces Addition of New Board Member

The Nabb Research Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Alfred Melson to the Center's Board of Directors. This appointment was effective as of April 1, 2003.

Melson is a Worcester County native who holds an accounting degree from Louisiana State University. He is a member of the Board of Directors of First Virginia Bank and chairman of the board of the insurance firm of Atlantic-Smith, Cropper & Deely. Melson also owns and operates Bethany Marina in Bethany Beach, DE. He is an avid collector of Native American artifacts and of slave tags. He is also interested in genealogy, having spent over 20 years researching his own family history. He currently resides in Berlin, MD with his wife, Debbie.

In September 2003, two additional board members will be installed. Sandra Quillin of Ocean City, MD, and Charles Emery of Northeast, MD, have both agreed to join the Nabb Research Center Board of Directors. The Nabb Research Center relies on its Board of Directors to promote, assist and strengthen the interests of the Center. We greatly appreciate the time and talent that the Board of Directors bring to the Center. Their generosity and guidance help the Nabb Research Center in its mission to promote and preserve Delmarva heritage through its educational programs.

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REMINDER. . .

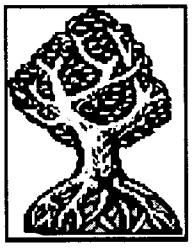
The Nabb Research Center will be closed May 23, 24 and 26, 2003 in observance of Memorial Day and July 4 & 5, 2003, in observance of Independence Day. We hope you have a safe and pleasant summer!

Volunteers Needed for Nabb Research Center Booth at Pemberton Fair

The Nabb Research Center needs volunteers to help man its booth at the Pemberton Colonial Fair which will take place on September 27-28, 2003 at the Pemberton Historical Park in Salisbury, MD. Because the fair has been expanded to a two day event this year, volunteers are needed for both days. The Nabb Research Center staff hopes to host a tent on the Pemberton grounds to help raise awareness about the Center and its mission to promote and preserve Delmarva heritage. If enough volunteers are recruited, the Center staff would also like to display historical documents or artifacts inside Pemberton Hall.

September 2003 will mark the 17th year of the Pemberton Colonial Fair. All of the proceeds from the event are used to maintain and restore Pemberton Hall, the historic home built by Isaac Handy in 1741. Highlights of the fair are Civil War re-enactors, Colonial craft demonstrations, wine tasting, a fishing tournament, pony rides, children's games and many other activities. If you are interested in helping the Nabb Research Center participate in the fair, please contact the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312.

Family History Workshop Set for June



On Saturday, June 21, 2003, the Nabb Research Center will be holding a Family History Workshop. This event will be hosted by SU history professors and Nabb Research Center board members, Dr. Ray Thompson and Dr. Clara Small. The workshop will focus on researching Delmarva families, but also includes general information about genealogical research.

Topics covered include how to start your family research, what sources to examine for genealogical study, how to take an oral history, African-American genealogical techniques and the interpretation of Colonial handwriting. The workshop also allows time for a "hands-on" work session.

The cost of the workshop is $50 per person. A discounted fee will be offered to members of the Nabb Research Center. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. For more information or to reserve your space, please contact the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312 or visit the Web site http://nabbhistory.salisbury.